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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), BR
SUBJECT: SECVISIT: POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIONS IN TRIP

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1. A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT WOULD CREATE SOME DISAPPOINTMENT, SOME ANNOYANCE AND EVEN SOME SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE TRIP'S EVER BEING MADE, BUT I JUDGE THAT THE DELAY WOULD BE ACCEPTED WITH REASONABLY GOOD GRACE, IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD. THE WARMTH OF THE RECEPTION WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED. YOU WIEKALL THAT SILVEIRA MADE A POINT OF SAYING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE APRIL 10-12 PROPOSED DATES COULD SLIP.

2. THE REAL PROBLEM COULD BE SILVEIRA'S OWN TRAVEL PLANS. HE PLANS TO GO TO WEST GERMANY TO SIGN THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT AND MAY ALSO VISIT FRANCE AT THE SAME TIME. APPARENTLY NO FIRM DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED, BUT THEY MAY FALL IN THE ROUGH PERIOD INDICATED IN THE REFTEL.

3. THE SHORTENING OF THE TRIP WOULD HAVE NO PARTICULAR CONSE-
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QUENCES SO LONG AS THE TIME IN BRASILIA WAS THE SAME AS ORIGINALLY

CONTEMPLATED. THE STOP IN RIO COULD BE DROPPED WITHOUT AFFECTING THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ASPECTS OF THE VISIT. IF THE SECRETARY WERE TO ARRIVE IN THE AFTERNOON OF DAY X AND LEAVE EARLY ON DAY X PLUS 2 (OR EVEN LATE THE NIGHT OF X PLUS 1), FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 40 (OR EVEN 32) HOURS, THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. A DROPPING OF OTHER COUNTRIES FROM THE ITINERARY WOULD BE NO SKIN OFF THE BRAZILIAN NOSE AND IN FACT MIGHT BE AN ENHANCEMENT FOR THEM. IF, IN THE RESHUFFLE, BRAZIL WERE TO BE THE FIRST OR LAST COUNTRY VISITED, THAT WOULD BE A PLUS. CRIMMINS

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